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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, EGEN, NK, IT  
SUBJECT: NORTH KOREANS MOVE TO SIGN COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT

1. AN MFA SOURCE, RESPONSIBLE FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS, HAS INFORMED US THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE RECENTLY APPROACHED THE ITALIANS INDICATING THEIR READINESS TO SIGN THE LONG-DELAYED COMMERCIAL ACCORD BETWEEN ICE (ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER IL COMMERCIO ESTERO) AND ITS NORTH KOREAN COUNTERPART. THE ITALIANS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL, POINTING OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WANT TO SIGN THE ACCORD PRIOR TO JULY 15. (SOURCE ATTRIBUTED THIS DEADLINE TO THE FACT THAT THE ITALIANS DO NOT WANT THE SIGNING TO TAKE PLACE TOO CLOSE TO THE CONVENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.) IF THE SIGNING DOES TAKE PLACE, OUR SOURCE SAID IT WILL OCCUR IN MOSCOW.

2. OUR SOURCE ADDED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING, THROUGH THE PROTOCOL OFFICE OF THE MFA, REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE PRC. THE ITALIANS RESPONDED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND IN VIEW OF FORLANI'S FULL SCHEDULE, SUCH A MEETING WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THEY SUGGESTED  
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THAT IF THE NORTH KOREANS HAD ANY MESSAGE TO PASS TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IT COULD BE PASSED THROUGH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING. GARDNER

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